

DX LISTENING DIGEST 00-14, January 25, 2000
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** ANGUILLA. The horrible spikes from Dr Gene Scott, 11775, come and go. They were absent on Sat and Sun Jan 22-23, but back on Mon Jan 24 at 1220 check, in fact audible as far up as 12160! Much lower level at 1539 recheck, still bothering frequencies like 11795. Around 1250 Jan 25 it was OK. This is not the first time we have reported on this abomination; see Dec 6 report in GH's SW/DX Report 99-68 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Besides the tropical band music I hear around sunset through the fading and static, giving it almost a psychedelic touch, or should I say New (short) Wave sound, my two favorite music programs on shortwave happen weekends on RCI. The Global Village, very well produced, Sunday UTC at 0 can be heard on 5960 and 9755. For nearly an hour one can travel to different lands through music. Similarly, again after the news about 00 UTC Monday, Roots and Wings is an eclectic experience, less polished, but equally entertaining when I must do boring chores such as finish dinner or wash dishes. Exotic listening one can enjoy with even a portable. (Donna Ring, swprograms Jan 23 via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. OUTFRONT: Tonight on OutFront..."Phreaks of Nature." Many years ago, when computers were young, Jeff Miles got involved in 'phone phreaking' with his Commodore 64 computer. Then he noticed two men in trench coats waiting outside his door. Hear his scary tale on OutFront, tonight at 8:45 (9:15 NT) on CBC Radio One. [Tuesday Jan 25, UT Wed] (CBC Hotsheet via Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. RFPI's temporary 24-hour usage of all frequencies, probably for convenience while the staff were tied up with annual Board of Advisors meeting, is now over; 6975 was missing Sunday evening, UT Mon Jan 24, as well as before sunrise the following morning, nor was 15049 on, but 25930-USB suddenly faded up at 1302 after having heard a few bits of audio starting 5 minutes earlier. 15049 came up at *2055, and 6975 was back on the following evening (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Heard Arnie Coro saying RHC would be moving its website due to problems with the current one. If you have ever wondered how RHC manages to operate on the internet, read this enlightening report from its American accomplices: (gh)

(via Mike Cooper, Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO[?]. Glenn, heard the following tonight: Mexico, unID, 1/24 0043 to 0113* 6950 USB Spanish broadcast with mentions of Zapatistas, Chiapas, libertad, appeals to the Prez. of Mexico, repeated from *0115 to 0145* on 6955 USB. Both typical pirate freq. Booming into western KY. Probable relay by a pirate? Wish I had Spanish in high school, not French. (Charles Crawford, Henderson KY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. Radio Nigeria reception has been improving (peaks in Feb for the strongest signals of the year...for my area anyway) on 4770 about 0500 UT. Noticed a new "Interval Signal Tune" being used at the top of the hour. At least this is the first time I have noticed this. (David Zantow, Janesville WI, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Glenn, I don't know if you know or not but KCYI 97.9 [Edmond OK, OKC market] is changing format at present and when I tuned in at around 1 pm Jan 24 they are running a computer generated countdown. According to computer, changes are to be complete this Thursday morning at 6 am. Web site <http://www.thecity979.com> --when you go to the web site they refer you to local number 405-858-6170. Thanks, Glenn, as a former DJ and as a radio buff I think they are going jamming oldies as many other markets have done. Later and keep up the great work as always.

Later: Glenn, as of 10 pm central time KCYI is playing classic rock in between computer generated announcements. no jocks at all, AC DC, Little Feat and other classics are being played. I don't know if you can get this on your radio; they are only 6,000 watts. I'll keep you updated (Bill Eckart, OK, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tuned in after local midnight early Jan 25, and there was no music, just the computer countdown interspersed with various clever remarks, such as ``Mary Fallin, what a gal`` (OKis Lt. Gov). The times were all precisely coordinated to a zero-hour of 6:45 am CT Thursday Jan 27. Reception here is marginal, with the low power and co-channel Wichita; I actually got it better on a portable than with the rooftop antenna (Glenn Hauser, Enid, Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4862.55, Unidentified, Ayacucho? 1007-1048, Andean vocals and announcer in Spanish and Vernacular with UTC -5 time checks after every song. No ID's heard. 1014 ad for apparent upcoming concert by female singer in Ayacucho, "Muy pronto en esta ciudad el primer espectaculo de este nuevo milenio...con el...Ayacucho...Susan...Muy pronto en nuestra ciudad.". 1031 possible ID with mention of "...FM...". Battered by sign-on hets first from 4865 at 1016, then

4860 at 1028, finally 1042 R Verdes Florestas sign on 4865 blew it away. Good clear signal at first, fading slightly at 1015 (Mark Mohrmann, VT, Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SLOVAKIA. 5930 // 9440, Radio Slovakia Int'l, English to North America at 0100-0130. 5930 Suffers from moderate interference on 5935, 9440 had bad interference, and 7300 was totally blocked by interference. (Lee Silvi, OH, January 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K O G B A N I [and non?] The first stage of implementing Earth One will be the launch of a pilot station broadcasting in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and East Coast of the United States. The initial broadcast service will be the starting point for the implementation of a humanitarian global radio service. It will broadcast simultaneously ('simulcast') on the Internet. The aim is to have Earth One on air early 2000. Earth One aims to have the following operation: 24 hour broadcasting service based on 8-12 hours of repeated programming in the English Language. (During the trial period Earth One will offer a maximum of 8 hours programming a week, gradually building up to a fully-fledged service as resources become available).

Digital production equipment, ready for future digital broadcasting and with seamless integration with the Internet. A production office based in the UK; further production offices will be opened on each continent as the operation progresses. Earth One will build a reputation as a broadcaster that is relevant, authoritative and entertaining; one that is a natural choice for listeners who care about the planet and its people - and want to know more. In this way, Earth One has the unique opportunity to promote itself as 'world radio' as it can represent the wishes of the global community.

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<http://www.merlincommunications.com>
[<http://www.gvn.co.uk/earth1/pilot.htm>] Seemingly this week's 'Media Network' is expected to carry a report on this new service. (Ray Woodward, British DX Club via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Berkeley Liberation Radio, 104.1 FM, is now announcing the phone number of 510-665-4852 on the air. I called and was told they use 40 watts and are located on the western end of Ashby Street near Interstate 80. I was also told there is a similar station, San Francisco Liberation Radio, on 93.7 with 40 watts from the Richmond district of SF. If this station is on the air, it doesn't make it across the water to the East Bay. I asked Berkeley Liberation Radio if they planned to become legit through the FCC's new micropower FM plan and they were vague about their future. Given that these guys are such anarchists, I'll bet anything they elect to continue as outlaws. (Harry Helms, Alameda, CA, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Here's an organization in the Boston area promoting LPFM; also has a link to Radio Free Alston, busted pirate. The Citizens's Media Corp. Web site is <http://www.citizensmedia.org> (Clea Simon, Boston Globe via Artie Bigley, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. From HRO web Site: BREAKING NEWS HEADLINES Early Sunday morning, January 23rd, 2000 a major fire raged through the shopping center where the Anaheim, Ca. Ham Radio Outlet store was located. The fire, which originated in a neighboring store, resulted in the complete loss of the HRO Anaheim location. For the next two weeks the 800 line and the local phone number for Anaheim, CA will be redirected to the Burbank, Ca. store. Personnel from Anaheim will relocate to the Burbank store temporarily. While arrangements have been made to re-open as soon as possible, the specific schedule is unknown at this time. Rest assured however, that HRO Anaheim will be up and running just as quickly as humanly possible. [Stewart MacKenzie reported on this earlier on rec.radio.shortwave] (via David Zantow, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN. (presumed), 9780, Radio Yemen, broadcast in Arabic good into Ohio once interference signed off at 2100 until Yemen signed off at 2211 after presumed anthem. Many, many songs were played after what sounded like a call-in program at 2100-2115 (Lee Silvi, OH, January 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UNIDENTIFIED. Spot checking for WBCQ-2 9340 on a memory, heard SSB to the side, which proved to be on 9337 USB at 1245 Jan 24, 2-way conversation about something measured in ``kilos`` -- what could that be? Makes as much sense as calling Megahertz ``megs`` as both are really nothing but multiplier prefixes. When I think I speak Spanish, all it takes is trying to decipher an informal conversation on the radio (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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Thanks for your talk about "Radio" displays "SIGNIFICANT DIGITS, AND

MEASURING FREQUENCIES ON THE ATS-909" in DX LISTENING DIGEST 00-11. I had a bit of a time reaching the last 20~30 Hz with my NRD-545, when even installing the High Stability Xtal unit (option at about \$100). You would think that would be dead on after installing it. Nope... More info about this on one of my web pages. (<http://www.ticon.net/~davez/nrd545.html>). Regards, David Zantow Janesville, WI, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ####